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OPENING OF LPG AGENCIES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has fixed any target to open more LPG agencies in the country during 2007-08 particularly in Uttar Pradesh:

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has identified the sites for this purpose;

(c) the number of agencies set up so far in Uttar Pradesh so far; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to achieve the target during 2007-08?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d) : Government have given freedom to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to set up LPG distributorships in accordance with their commercial assessment and locations are identified by them on the basis of available refill sale potential for sustaining independent distributorships. However, Government have advised OMCs to draw up Marketing Plans for covering semi-urban and rural areas. OMCs have finalized a common industry marketing plan covering 841 locations including 47 locations in the State of Uttar Pradesh for setting up LPG distributorships mainly in rural and urban-rural (semi-urban) locations. The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identifying of a suitable location, arranging land for setting up of godown and other statutory clearances. The advertisements for the 47 locations have since been released on 7.9.2007 and the last date for receiving of application was on 19.10.2007.

As on 01.10.2007, OMCs are serving about 99.8 lakh LPG customers in the State of Uttar Pradesh through their 1169 LPG distributorships.